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Dear Parent:

Enclosed you will find your child's Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) test results. These tests determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of reading and math.

MAP tests are unique in that they adjust the question difficulty based on student answers to questions. When your child incorrectly answered a question, the test became easier and when questions are answered correctly they questions get harder. Therefore, your child took a test specifically created for his or her learning level. In addition, the tests are aligned with the state standards, so students are learning the skills and content assessed on these tests.

Your child's MAP results are reported in **RIT scores**. Instead, the RIT score is on a scale, like that of feet and inches, and is independent of grade level. The larger the RIT score is, the better the score. As a result, we can easily measure growth in learning. This type of score increases the value of the tests as a tool to improve student learning because it enables teachers to recognize where to focus attention for your child's learning.

A key skill needed to be a good reader is a child's ability to read grade-level material. The MAP reading tests provide an accurate measure of a student's reading ability in the form of both a RIT score and a **Lexile Measure**. Teachers use these measures to identify appropriate reading materials and instruction. Parents can also use these measures to choose appropriate reading materials that can help to improve student reading skills at home. Librarians at public libraries can help parents choose books when parents present their child's Lexile range. Please see the back of this page for websites where you and your child can create a booklist at the appropriate Lexile range for your child.

I hope you find the enclosed reports informative. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher at **<phone number>**.

For more information on resources for parents, download the **Parent Toolkit** at [<<www.nwea.org>>](http://www.nwea.org) [Partner Support](#), or [contact your child's school for additional resources](#).

Thank you for taking an active interest in your child's education.



What is a Lexile measure?

A Lexile measure represents a location on the Lexile scale where a reader can expect a 75% comprehension rate - difficult enough to be challenging without undue frustration and to encourage reading progress. The following list of websites allows you to access books at the appropriate Lexile range for your child.

Online booklist resources:

MetaMetrics® Lexile® Booklist: **<http://www.lexile.com/fab/>**

Build a custom reading list on the subjects that interest your students the most.

Barnes and Noble® Lexile® Booklist Wizard: **<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/reading-level-reading-books-lexile/search.asp>**

Access the Lexile® Booklist containing additional content such as book reviews and descriptions.

Scholastic® Teacher Book Wizard™:

<http://bookwizard.scholastic.com/tbw/viewCustomSearchForm.do?RowsPerPageOptions=10&RowsPerPageOptions=50>

Search for Scholastic Books' by interest level, reading level, type and topic.

Scholastic® Classroom Books™ :

http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/classroombooks/browse_level.asp

View Scholastic Classroom Books' individual paperback titles by Lexile® Levels.